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Sent: 9/6/2018 1:06:00 PM
To: Nordine, John [nordine.john@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: [External] FW: Comments from the Sierra Club

Good morning, John:

Thank you so much for the information. Wish you have a great day!!

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Ms. Tsai,

Per our conversation on September 5, 2018, I have attached the Orders on Consent for the Techalloy Facility, that you requested. I have also attached the 2016 RCRA CMI Study report. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

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"The great end of education is to discipline rather than finish the mind; to train it to use of its own powers rather than to fill it with the accumulation of others." Tryon Edwards

"Don't interfere with anything in the Constitution. That must be maintained, for it is the only safeguard of our liberties." Abraham Lincoln

"Many people use statistics in the same manner in which a drunk uses a lamp post; for support, rather than for illumination." Mark Twain

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Good morning, gentlemen:

For Comment # 4, do you have any response letter from USEPA or IEPA?

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Shu-Mei:

I have responded to the comments within the text, below.

Please call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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Gentlemen:

I received the several comments from the Sierra Club. Please provide the answer for following questions.
Thank you

1. Has the facility developed and submitted its Storm Water Control Program to IEPA?

Central Wire (CWI) has developed and submitted a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan in 2001. All storm water on the approximately 5 acre plant site drains internally to two seepage ponds that also receive non contact cooling waters and have been permitted by the IEPA.

2. What treatment technology is proposed for the discharges from the new Outfall 002? Is it the same air stripping system that is used at Outfall 001? If so, then why should the limits not remain the same as they are for Outfall 001 in the current permit?

Outfall 002 is at the leading edge of the chlorinated plume and has been tested for Volatile Organic Compounds and only has degradation products, i.e., 1,1-Dichloroethene at around the EPA Maximum Contaminant Limit (groundwater standard) of 7 µg/L. IEPA allows a discharge of up to 110 µg/L to surface waters (<http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/standards/derived-criteria/index>). CWI has proposed and is being permitted for a direct discharge of the extracted groundwater and will be required to sample the discharged water monthly to confirm that CWI is not exceeding the NPDES effluent limitations.

3. How might greater discharges of these pollutants impact the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River, where aquatic life and aesthetic quality uses are now fully supported?

CWI does not expect that this additional discharge of relatively clean groundwater will adversely impact the aquatic life or aesthetic quality of the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River.

4. What analysis has been performed under RCRA to determine that the additional loading of these pollutants into the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River will not pose a risk to public health and welfare?

CWI has been conducting field investigations on almost an annual basis to determine the leading edge of the chlorinated plume under an Order on Consent with U.S. EPA since 2007. In 2016, EPA requested CWI propose solutions to manage the leading edge of the chlorinated plume so it would not impact the South Branch Nursery irrigation well and accepted the option to pump and discharge water to the South Branch of the Kishwaukee River. IEPA accepted that concept and is in the process of issuing a NPDES permit.

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